

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
June 2, 2015**

***The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority, Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and Lemon Grove Successor Agency***

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**Call to Order**

Members present: Mary Sessom, George Gastil, Jerry Jones, Jennifer Mendoza, and Racquel Vasquez.  
Members absent: None.

City Staff present: Graham Mitchell, City Manager; Carol Dick, Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; Susan Garcia, City Clerk; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Tamara O'Neal, Interim City Engineer; and Cathleen Till, Finance Director.

**Presentations**

Mayor Sessom presented the Annual Treganza History Essay contest awards to the winners.

Mike Uhrhammer, Helix Water District, provided a presentation of California's drought conditions and new water restrictions.

**Public Comment**

Carlos Lugo expressed gratitude for the partnership with the City and Graham Mitchell.

Kimberly Paris provided an update of Lemon Grove's Farmers Market.

Domingo Sote commented on problematic issues in his neighborhood.

**1. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approval of City Council Minutes**  
May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting
- B. Ratification of Payment Demands**
- C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda**
- D. Records Management Program and Retention Schedules**
- E. Memorandum of Understanding with Lemon Grove Firefighters Association, Local 2728 of the International Association of Firefighters**
- F. Job Descriptions Related to the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget**

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2015-3335:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving Records Retention Schedules, Authorizing Destruction of Certain City Records, and Rescinding Resolution No. 2045

**Resolution No. 2015-3336:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove City Council Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City and Lemon Grove Firefighters Association, Local 2728 of the International Association of Firefighters

**Resolution No. 2015-3337:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving Assistant Planner, Human Resources Manager, and Administrative/Accounting Assistant Job Descriptions

## **2. Fiscal Year 2015-2015 Consolidated Operating & Capital Budget**

Cathy Till stated that on May 5 and May 19, 2015, staff presented the Fiscal Year 2015-16 (FY 2015-16) budgets for all City funds as well as the Sanitation District and the Roadway Lighting District for feedback. Based on feedback received, staff presents the anticipated FY 2014-15 consolidated budget as well as the FY 2015-16 consolidated budget for approval by the City Council, the Roadway Lighting District Board, the Sanitation District Board, and the Successor Agency.

### Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Gastil, to adopt resolutions, as Attachments C, D, E, and H, passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2015-3338:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving the City of Lemon Grove Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Authorizing Expenditures thereto

**Resolution No. 2015-3339:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Approving a Salary Plan and Classification Summary

**Resolution No. 2015-3340:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

**Resolution No. 2015-3341:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Updating the City of Lemon Grove Master Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

**Action: Motion by Roadway Lighting District Board Member Jones, seconded by Roadway Lighting District Board Member, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2015-163:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board Approving the Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Authorizing expenditures thereto

**Action: Motion by Sanitation District Board Member Jones, seconded by Sanitation District Board Member, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2015-273:** Resolution of the Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board Approving the Lemon Grove Sanitation District Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15 and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 and Authorizing Expenditures thereto

### **3. City Council Salary**

Graham Mitchell explained that on several occasions, the City Council has deferred action on considering an adjustment to its compensation. The last time an adjustment occurred was after the 2008 municipal election. Pursuant to Government Code Section 36516, a City Council may increase its salary by a maximum of five percent per year from the operative date of the last adjustment. In addition, an increase does not begin until after the next election, which in Lemon Grove will be November 2016. Between 2008 and the 2016 (the year of the next municipal election), based on California code, the City Council may legally adjust its salary by 40 percent (8 years multiplied by 5 percent).

The last time the City Council adjusted its auto allowance was on July 1, 2006. Since July 1, 2006, the consumer price index has increased by 16.8 percent. Based on this increase, the City Council may also consider an auto allowance adjustment of 16.8 percent, which would become effective July 1, 2015.

Using the consumer price index method, monthly salaries for City Council members increase from \$705 to \$803 and the salary for the Mayor increases from \$1,234 to \$1,405.25. This increase will have an annual impact of \$6,759 beginning in 2016. Also, using the consumer price index method, the monthly auto allowance would increase from \$150 to \$175.

#### Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

**Action: Motion by Mayor Sessom, seconded by Councilmember Gastil, to introduce for first reading Ordinance No. 429 by title only and schedule the second reading on July 7, 2015, passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza**

**Noes: Vasquez**

**Ordinance No. 429:** Ordinance of the Lemon Grove City Council Amending Lemon Grove Municipal Code Section 2.16.010 Establishing City Council Salaries

**Action: Motion by Mayor Sessom, seconded by Councilmember Gastil, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Sessom, Gastil, Jones, Mendoza**

**Noes: Vasquez**

**Resolution No. 2015- 3342:** Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Establishing the Rate of Automobile Allowance Policy for City Council Members

### **4. Recreation Focus Group**

Graham Mitchell explained that one of the priorities discussed during the City Council goal setting workshop earlier this year was the establishment of a focus group to explore the establishment of a Recreation Council. The purpose of this agenda item is to seek feedback from the City Council on the scope of work to be performed by the Recreation Focus Group.

Staff recommends that the focus group be limited to 20 members and that the participation include residents and local business owners.

In addition, staff recommends that the City Council invite two members of the Planning Commission and two representatives of the Lemon Grove School District to participate on the focus group.

After the discussion, the City Council directed staff to prepare a survey for community input and proceed with the Recreation Focus Group's scope of work and composition.

Public Speaker(s)

Frank Garmlie recommended youth involvement with the focus group and he believes the City needs more parks.

**City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))**

Councilmember Jones attended the Circulate San Diego volunteer recognition event.

Councilmember Mendoza attended an East County Economic Development Council meeting and the Circulate San Diego volunteer recognition event.

Councilmember Gastil attended a FACTSD meeting and San Diego Legends Art Exhibit at the Lemon Grove Library.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez attended the National Association of Business Owners Bravo Awards, a City/County Reinvestment Task Force meeting, the Circulate San Diego volunteer recognition event, and a bike riding kick-off event.

Mayor Sessom attended SANDAG and Airport Authority meetings and met with representatives of CityMark. She and Councilmember Gastil interviewed candidate's for the interim City Manager and reviewed the proposals for the recruitment firms to hire a new City Manager. She also attended a press conference held at Cuyamaca College conservation gardens.

**Closed Session**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Evaluation  
Title: City Attorney

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: Public Employee Appointment  
Title: City Manager

Closed Session Report: No reportable action was taken.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Susan Garcia*

Susan Garcia, City Clerk